

REMARKS

The last Office Action in the above-identified application and the references cited by the Examiner have been carefully considered. The claims have been amended in a sincere effort to define more clearly the features of Applicants' invention and to place this application in proper form for allowance.

The Examiner maintains his belief that the housing defined by Claims 1, 14, 15 and 16 and the signal management system defined by Claim 17 are separate and distinct inventions from the electronics housing defined by Claims 2-13, which claims were elected for prosecution in this case. Thus, Claims 1 and 14-17 were previously withdrawn from prosecution. In order to place this application in proper form for allowance, Claims 1 and 14-17 have now been cancelled without prejudice to incorporating the same in a divisional application.

Claims 2 and 3 have been rejected in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,259,850 (Crosby, Jr., et al.). The Examiner contends that the Crosby, Jr., et al. patent discloses all of the features set forth in Claims 2 and 3, as stated in paragraph 3 on pages 3 and 4 of the Office Action.

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Crosby, Jr., et al. patent, and respectfully submit that the patent does not disclose the features of the electronics housing set forth in Claims 2 and 3 of the pending application. However, in order to expedite the allowance of this application with certain claims that have been deemed to contain allowable subject matter, Claims 2 and 3 have been cancelled without prejudice to incorporating the same in a continuation application.

Claims 4-13 have only been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, and would be allowed if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The probable allowance of Claims 4-13 is acknowledged and gratefully appreciated.

Accordingly, Claims 4, 8, 9, 11 and 12 have been amended and placed in independent


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form to incorporate all of the limitations of the claim or claims from which they depended. More specifically, Claim 4 incorporates all of the limitations of Claims 2 and 3, and each of Claims 8, 9, 11 and 12 incorporate all of the limitations of Claim 2. Therefore, it is respectfully urged that Claims 4, 8, 9, 11 and 12, now in independent form, are in proper form for allowance and such action is respectfully solicited.

Original Claim 5 depends from amended Claim 4, now in independent form; original Claim 6 depends from original Claim 5; original Claim 7 depends from original Claim 5; original Claim 10 depends from Claim 9, now in independent form; and original Claim 13 depends from Claim 12, now in independent form. Accordingly, it is respectfully urged that Claims 5, 6, 7, 10 and 13 are in proper form for allowance and such action is respectfully solicited.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, entry of the amendments to Claims 4, 8, 9, 11 and 12, reconsideration of Claims 4-13 and allowance of the application with Claims 4-13 are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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